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Members, the new Members, and the Members representing minority communities. I well remember the occasion when almost for the first time I began to speak in this Council I was about to be ruled out of order. But Sir P. Rajagopala Achariyar very ingeniously hinted to me that I should change the language of my resolution. I was lucky enough to understand the hint, and when I changed the language I was quite in order and allowed to proceed. My friend, Mr. Guruswami, spoke of the catholicity of his sentiments and sympathies, and I, on behalf of the Indian Christians, wish to place on record his never-failing kindness to the community which I represent. As a Diwan and as a Government servant, wherever he went, he always showed great sympathy for members of my community and here in this Council he always gave encouragement and help to Members like myself who represent the interests of minority communities. I am therefore most happy to associate myself with all my friends here in this Council and to place on record on behalf of my community our appreciation of his great merits and our sorrow at the loss which this province and this country as a whole has sustained in the demise of a great man, a great Indian and a great statesman."

The resolution was put and carried *nem. con.*, all the Members standing.

IV

ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

11-30 a.m. * The hon. the President announced that the Madras Planters' Labour (Repealing) Act, 1927, which was passed by the Council, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on 13th November 1927.

V

ACTS ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The hon. the President announced that the undermentioned Acts which were passed by the Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the date noted against each :—

The Act to amend the Tuticorin Port Trust Act, 1924	31st December 1927.
The Act to amend the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926	2nd January 1928.
The Act to amend the Madras Prevention of Adulteration Act, 1918	6th January 1928.

VI

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

(1)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the following Government Orders :—

(1) G.O. No. 1815 I.,[a] Public Works and Labour, dated 22nd August 1927, approving of Mr. Mullings' proposals to construct the Mettur Dam in cement.

(2) G.O. No. 1827,[a] Development, dated 9th November 1927, recording the audit report of the Industrial Institute, Calicut, for the year 1926–27.

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(3) G.O. No. 1844,[a] Development, dated 11th November 1927, recording the audit report of the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, for the year 1926–27.

(4) G.O. No. 2106,[b] Revenue, dated 26th October 1927, notifying the amendments proposed to be made to the rules under section 26 of the Madras Survey and Boundaries Act, VIII of 1923.

(5) G.O. Mis. No. 2555,[c] Revenue, dated 8th December 1927, issuing erratum to rule 7 under clause 2 (*g*) of the rules notified in G.O. No. 2106, Revenue, dated 26th October 1927.

(6) G.O. Mis. No. 2964 W.[d] (Public Works and Labour), dated 9th December 1927, authorizing the expenditure during the current year of Rs. 22,600 regarding the acquisition of a bungalow for the residence of the Sub-Collector at Madanapalle.

(2)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the lists[e] of posts on Rs. 500 per mensem and above created during the quarter ending September 1927.

(3)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the preliminary report[f] on the Survey of Cottage Industries in the Bellary district.

(4)

The Secretary laid on the table copies[g] of the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th meetings of the Finance Committee for 1927–28 held on 21st, 26th, 27th and 31st October and 4th November 1927, respectively.

(5)

(*a*) With reference to the undertaking given by the hon. the Revenue Member in his answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of question No. 707 answered at the Legislative Council meeting on the 19th October 1927, the Secretary laid on the table copies of the statement[h] showing the population, the beriz, the total cultivated acreage, etc., in certain villages of Cuddapah and Anantapur districts.

(*b*) With reference to the answer to question No. 322 answered in the Legislative Council on 27th August 1927, the Secretary laid on the table copies of the statement[i] of offences of convicts released under section 401, Criminal Procedure Code, for the last five years.

(*c*) With reference to the hon. the Law Member's reply to question No. 42 answered at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 23rd August 1927, the Secretary laid on the table copies of the correspondence[j] showing the proposals of Mr. N. P. Ayyar regarding the maintenance and improvement of the Buckingham Canal.

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a Printed separately.
b Printed as Appendix VI on pages 103–104 infra.
c Printed as Appendix VII on page 105 infra.
d Printed as Appendix VIII on page 105 infra.
e Printed as Appendix IX on pages 106–110 infra.
f Printed separately.
g Do.
h Printed as Appendix X on page 111 infra.
i Printed as Appendix XI on page 112 infra.
j Printed as Appendix XII on pages 113–128 infra.

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(*d*) With reference to the answer given to a supplementary question to question No. 512 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 18th October 1927, the Secretary laid on the table copies of Rules 22 and 23 [a] of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules.

(*e*) With reference to the answer given to question No. 806 on 21st October 1927, regarding the contribution from ryots for the repairs of Badridu tank in Markapur taluk, the Secretary laid on the table the report [b] received from the Collector.

(*f*) With reference to the answer given to a supplementary question to question No. 771 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 21st October 1927, the Secretary laid on the table a copy of G.O. No. 792,[c] Home (Judicial), dated 3rd April 1918, on the subject of imprisonment for debt, with its enclosures.

(*g*) With reference to the answer to question No. 874 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 22nd October 1927, regarding the location of an arrack shop at Ganjivaripalli, Kurnool district, the Secretary laid on the table a copy of the report [d] of the Collector of Kurnool, dated 9th November 1927.

(*h*) With reference to the supplementary question to question No. 1119 put at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 4th November 1927, regarding civil population who own land, etc., in Poonamallee Cantonment, the Secretary laid on the table the information [e] required.

(*i*) With reference to the answer to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) of question No. 1213 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 5th November 1927, the Secretary laid on the table copies of the letter [f] from the Director of Agriculture regarding the extent of land under cultivation and under well cultivation in zamindari areas in the Madras Presidency in 1926–27.

VII

DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS FOR 1925–26.

GRANT II—EXCISE.

* The hon. Mr. T. E MOIR :—"I move

'*that an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 2,17,590 *be granted under "Grant II—Excise—Transferred" to make good the excess expenditure incurred in the year* 1925–26.'

"The reasons which have led to this motion are fully explained in paragraph 40, sub-paragraph (2), of the report of the Public Accounts Committee on the accounts of 1925–26 which has been placed in the hands of hon. Members of this Council for some time, but perhaps I may here very briefly state the case. Previous to the year with which these accounts deal the Government of India supplied opium to this Government at cost price, but payment was not made to the Government of India until the issue from

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b Printed as Appendix XIV on page 130 infra.
c Printed separately.
d Printed as Appendix XV on page 131 infra.
e Printed as Appendix XVI on page 131 infra.
f Printed as Appendix XVII on page 131 infra.